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Atty Docket No. KLAC0012

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

CHRISTOPHER FAIRLEY, ET AL.

Title: CONFOCAL WAFER INSPECTION  
METHOD AND APPARATUS

Serial No.: 09/533,203

Filed: MARCH 23, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2878

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

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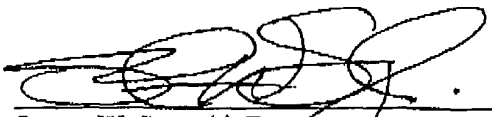
In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 26, 2002,  
enclosed please find a corrected copy of the Amendment previously mailed on June 28,  
2002.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims of the present application are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of all of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested and allowance of all the claims at an early date is solicited.

Should it be determined for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, please charge any insufficiency to ensure consideration and allowance of this application to Deposit Account 502026.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2002, please consider the  
following remarks in connection with the above-identified patent application.